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POLITICAL DIVISION JUN 19 1947 VIENNA

OUTGOING MESSAGE

Mil Div asked to alter Mil to read "FO Tel No 800"

FROM: ACABRIT

TO: CONFOLK
BERCOMB

DATE & TOO 301740B

Originators No. MIL/322 356.

ROUTINE

SECRET (.) Ref your 800 of 19 June to VIENNA repeated BERLIN.

ONE (.) Number of REICHSDEUTSCHE due for trial are (.) BRITISH ZONE 24 US ZONE 19 FRENCH ZONE 2 RUSSIAN ZONE 5 (.) They will be categorised by ranks and organisation and BERLIN will be provided with any other available evidence (.) Original figure of 150 in this class was an estimate now reduced by careful screening of cases on borderline for release or trial and by AUSTRIANS claiming some for trial (.) Figures still subject to slight variation owing to doubt as to whether Austrians will accept certain cases for trial or not (.)

TWO (.) REICHSDEUTSCHE due for release being repatriated through DP channels (.) Families including para 1 above covered by CONFOLK A/607 of 3 June (.)

THREE (.) Under your para 2 and 3 BRITISH Element plan to approach USSR (2) FRANCE (1) HOLLAND (6) CZECHOSLOVAKIA (38) ITALY (2) LUXEMBOURG (1) NORWAY (1) to hand over numbers of Civil Internees as shown in brackets to them (.) All available detail will be provided about each individual (.)

FOUR (.) Ref your para 4 (.) For HUNGARY, JUGOSLAVIA, POLAND, RUMANIA details of each case will be referred to FO in same way as for Quislings and Traitors (.)

FIVE (.) Your para 6 (.) Number of persons now classified as STATELESS whom Austrians will NOT take and who have not completed their sentence under TARNOW is 4 (.) Possibility of figure increasing after screening in para 4 above must not be overlooked (.) Can see no alternative to sending these to GERMANY (.) Those who have served their sentence are being taken over by DP Division (.)

SIX (.) For Foreign Office (.) Request ruling para 5 above (.)

SEVEN (.) For BERLIN (.) Request agreement para 1 above.

Signed C J Stuart Lt Col.

Originator Military Division.

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PW & DP Division.
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INCOMING MESSAGE
UNCLASSIFIED

FROM WAR OFFICE SPECIAL REFUGEE SCREENING COMMISSION CO HQ BTA

DATE 29.7.47.

TOO 0930

IMPORTANT.

TO ACABRIT

UNCLASSIFIED. WOSM/14 ADMIN/?3

Following from MACLEAN (.)

Your DC/89 (.) 422 Will be at C in Cs Villa at Portschach at 0930 hrs on Thrus 31 July as suggested (.)

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OUTGOING MESSAGE

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FROM: ACABRIT

DATE: 29 Jul 47

TO : FOREIGN OFFICE (GERMAN SECTION)

TOO : 1740

Originator's No FIN/FIC/71. Unclassified.

IMMEDIATE.

Pls 8/8.

For Hampshire from Weisberg. Subject is IRO Draft Agreement. Conversation Cox - Howard of 26 Jul refers.

ONE Article VII discussed here last Saturday at meeting called by Chief of Staff.

TWO Finance Division was requested to suggest:-

(a) An amendment to para 2, since costs may involve a dollar expenditure.

(b) A redraft of para 3 since the expenditure involved could not be met as an occupation cost but would result in an additional burden on the Austrian Budget, which the meeting considered would be wrong in principle.

THREE Suggest para 2 be reworded as follows. The IRO shall reimburse His Majesty's Government for -

(a) Cost of additional basic supplies formulated in accordance with Article V para 15 and

(b) A sum based on a per capita assessment of the agreed cost incurred by ACA (BE) in respect of the care and maintenance of eligible displaced persons and refugees in displaced persons camps which shall include the cost of the staff, upkeep of transport and equipment and other incidental expenses.

Reimbursement shall be effected by making a deduction from contributions due by His Majesty's Government where the costs have been incurred in sterling, or by payment of US dollars to His Majesty's Government where costs have been incurred outside the sterling area, and shall in both cases include all costs incurred in procuring and shipping supplies to Austria.

FOUR Suggest that para 3 be deleted with the result that IRO would then be liable for their schilling expenses and necessitating their making arrangements with Austrian Government for provision of currency.

Alternatively, if para 3 is to remain, suggest omission of the words quote without charge to the IRO unquote.

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FIVE Understand that American agreement between IRO and their High Commissioner contains no clause concerning provision of currency but lays down that it is the responsibility of USFA to urge the Austrian Government to provide at no cost to IRO office accommodation, pay of Austrian employees and certain other facilities. Further USFA will urge the Austrian Government to provide living accommodation for IRO personnel and their families for which IRO or IRO personnel will pay the Austrian Government in Schillings in accordance with arrangements to be agreed. No such arrangements have yet been made.

SIX. Please signal your views on above suggested amendments as soon as possible.

Originator: Finance Division (4)

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POLITICAL DIVISION 29 JUL 1947 VIENNA

INCOMING MESSAGE
UNCLASSIFIED

FROM FOREIGN OFFICE (GERMAN SECTION) DATE 25.7.47.

TO ACABRIT VIENNA TOO 2123

UNCLASSIFIED A/801 25 July 1947. IMMEDIATE.

N.T.

Your ECON 1493 dated 18th July para 3 Draft Agreement with IRO.

1. It has been agreed in principle that this office will undertake procurement of the hospital dietary items and clothing.

2. We are discussing with War Office the question of movements but are inclined at the moment to think that it might be more convenient to ship direct to Venice, We will communicate further on the point.

3. With regard to the paragraph to be inserted in Article V of the Agreement covering the provision of the items in question, we agree to the text suggested by Logan-Gray in his letter IP1/217/V dated 16th July to IVEY amended to read Quote providing such additional supplies of hospital dietary items and clothing as we previously supplied by voluntary societies up to a level to be established by the IRO within the limits of IRO resources. Reimbursement by IRO shall be made in sterling or in U S dollars where costs have been incurred outside the sterling area. Such reimbursement shall include all costs incurred in procuring and shipping the items to Austria unquote.

4. A separate signal has been sent in reply to your PWIV/217/V dated 21st July about burial and processing of claims.

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INCOMING TELEGRAM

To: Vienna Copy No: 9

From: Foreign Office

No. 1008

Date & Time of Origin: 29.7.47.

Date & Time of Receipt: 1231 GMT 29.12.47.

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IMPORTANT.

Confidential.

Following for General Steele.

Your telegram No. 677. —432

It is, of course, our intention that any Yugoslav mission attached to Maclean should be accredited to you.

2. As to the question of reporting, we should certainly prefer Maclean to be free to refer through your channels but in his own name matters affecting Angl-Yugoslav relations in general and would rely on you to make any comment you considered necessary.

3. It is far from our intentions to allow any correspondence behind your back or to confer "phantom" powers but we think the expression of a personal opinion would be of value in certain instances and hope you will have no difficulty in agreeing to this under the conditions described above.

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POLITICAL DIVISION
29 JUL 1947
VIENNA

Maj Barnett

please b/u again with IRO Agreement.
b/f 21/7.

SECRET

ALLIED COMMISSION FOR AUSTRIA

(British Element)

Record of the Meeting held in the Chief of Staff's Office Schönbrunn Palace on the 26th July, 1947, at 0915 hours to discuss the I.R.O. Agreement.

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PRESENT

Brigadier O.L. Jones
Acting Chief of Staff (in the Chair)

Colonel D. Logan-Gray
PW & DP. Division.

Colonel J.D. Boyd
Economic Division.

Lt. Colonel C.W. Howard
Finance Division.

Lt. Colonel C.F. Hutt
Military Division.

Major E.W.I. Palamountain
Political Division.

Mr. H. Hewitt
Legal Division.

SECRETARIAT

Miss J. Dunkerley.

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28th July 1947.

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ACTION

1. BRIGADIER JONES said that the Meeting had been called to discuss the draft agreement between the International Refugee Organisation and the British High Commissioner.

The draft agreement was considered article by article.

THE MEETING:

(1) (a) agreed without amendment: - Articles I, II, III, IV and V (Paragraphs 1 - 14)

(b) agreed Article V paragraph 15, subject to final confirmation by Norfolk House of Economic Division's Signal, ECON.1492. — ECONOMIC DIVISION

(c) took note that Colonel LOGAN-GRAY would advise interested Divisions when confirmation of Article V, paragraph 15 was received. — FW. & DP. DIVISION

2. Article VI.

THE MEETING:

(2) (a) agreed paragraphs 1 and 3

(b) agreed paragraph 2 subject to the addition in line 1 of "and shall be" before "in accordance with scales etc."

(c) agreed paragraph 4 subject to the deletion in line 1 of the words "and payment."

3. Appendix 'A'.

THE MEETING:

(3) agreed this Appendix.

4. Article VII.

LT.COLONEL HOWARD said he was not satisfied about paragraph 3 and he could only agree to it as it stood if it was ensured that expenditure would be small. He pointed out that this expenditure could not be met from 'Occupational Costs' and would be the liability of the Austrian Government.

COLONEL LOGAN GRAY suggested that if the words "without charge" were deleted from line 2, the problem might be solved.

LT. COLONEL HUTT suggested that the paragraph should be deleted.

ACTION

THE MEETING:

(4) (a) agreed paragraphs 1, 2 and 4.

(b) instructed Finance Division after consultation with Legal and Political Divisions to redraft paragraph 3, laying down that the responsibility for schilling payment would be with I.R.O. and to notify other interested Divisions after clearing the new draft with London.

FINANCE DIVISION

LEGAL DIVISION

POLITICAL DIVISION.

5. Articles VIII, IX, X and XI.

THE MEETING:

(5) agreed without amendment, Articles VIII, IX, X and XI.

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Political Division,
Vienna.
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With the Compliments

of

German Political Dept

(Copies to Berlin & Wiston).

23rd July 1947.
Foreign Office.

FOREIGN OFFICE, S.W.1.

22nd July, 1947.

(C 8708/6688/18)

Maj Barnett

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bsB 7/8.

Dear Chancery,

We are sorry it is taking so long to produce final instructions for you on the question of French recruitment of German labour, but we are doing what we can to expedite matters.

In the meantime we would like to draw your attention to one amendment which requires to be made in the draft letter from the French side enclosed with your letter 111/75/47 of the 5th June last. The French assumption that U.N.R.R.A. does not or did not function in the British zone of Austria is not entirely correct.

U.N.R.R.A. of course was responsible for the maintenance of displaced persons in Austria in much the same way as in Germany, any difference being due to the existence in Austria of an independent Austrian Government which bore the cost of supplies for the maintenance of displaced persons. Some of the responsibilities of U.N.R.R.A. in Austria as in Germany are now being assumed by the Preparatory Commission of the International Refugee Organisation. This means that there is no question of a direct charge falling on the British authorities as the result of the retention in the British zone of Austria for two months of the dependents of the displaced person recruits, and likewise no necessity for repayment in schillings by the French. In consequence, the three last paragraphs on page 4 of the draft (En conséquence ..... des familles) come out, and the second paragraph on the same page can, we suggest, be amended as follows:-

> "The British authorities in Germany and Austria will arrange with the appropriate authorities for the maintenance of such dependents pending their departure for France and ....." (running straight on into the paragraph beginning "Je vous ai indiqué .....").

We have used the word 'dependents' where the French draft says 'familles'. We have suggested a definition of 'dependents' in our draft of the detailed Agreement on this subject to be concluded in Berlin at a later date between the British and French authorities there. We will be forwarding you this draft soon.

Yours ever,

GERMAN POLITICAL DEPARTMENT.

The Chancery,
British Embassy,
Paris.

Vienna

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Maj Barratt

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En Clair

DEPARTMENTAL NO. 2.

FROM LAUSANNE TO FOREIGN OFFICE

(From United Kingdom Delegation)

No. 7 SAVING
July 23rd, 1947.

R. 11.35 a.m. July 26th, 1947.

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Foreign Office please pass Saving to posts named.
Following from Sir V. Mallet.
My telegram Saving No. 6.

The Preparatory Commission met in private session on Saturday, 19th July, and spent the morning discussing the salary of the Executive Secretary. After considering the salaries paid to comparable officials in similar organisations, it was agreed that the Executive Secretary's basic salary should be $15,500 a year, tax free, plus a representation allowance of $5,000, also tax free.

2. In the afternoon the Commission considered a resolution to defer putting the 90 day ration scheme into operation (Document 98). This proposal met with violent opposition from the French and a lively debate followed. The British member pointed out that the authorities in the British Zones of Germany and Austria were unanimous that the 60 day ration scheme which had previously been tried out at the request of UNRRA had had no substantial effect on repatriation. The reasons which led a man to decide whether or not he would go home were much more fundamental than a mere three months' ration. It was therefore quite wrong to think that the Commission had to choose between the 90 day scheme (which it could anyhow not afford) and the practical cessation of repatriation. Indeed in Austria, the Polish Liaison Officer had even asked that the scheme should not be applied to Poles. He emphasised that the military authorities in the British Zones were not unwilling to operate the scheme, but merely considered it bad value for money.

3. The representative of UNRRA said that their experience of the 60 day ration scheme, which had been put into force at the suggestion of Mayor la Guardia, had been varied. He considered that this ration was never the deciding factor in making refugees go home. The Executive Secretary added that, while from the social standpoint he thought the scheme was desirable, he had had no evidence that the scheme constituted an incentive to repatriation, while the United States member said that he had always been opposed to the 90 day ration scheme. Experience with the 60 day scheme had shown that he was right, since it had not materially affected repatriation.

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4. The more legalistic members of the Commission then embarked on a lengthy argument as to whether or not the Preparatory Commission could ignore the provision for this scheme in the Constitution. As the Constitution is not yet in force the point can be argued either way. They then confuse the issue still further by again raising the question whether a quorum was present. When it became clear that both sides were fairly evenly matched and that this difference of opinion would be reflected at a Public Session, it was decided to defer further consideration of the question until Monday.

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FROM LAUSANNE TO FOREIGN OFFICE

(From United Kingdom Delegation)

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Following from Sir V. Mallet.
My telegram No. 7 SAVING.

The Preparatory Commission met in private session on Monday 21st July and resumed discussion of the proposal to postpone putting into force the 90 day ration scheme. After a lengthy discussion it became clear that even if the proposal were dropped and the Executive Secretary were instructed to put the scheme into force forthwith, nothing would happen (at any rate before mid-August) because there was no money available to pay for the rations. It was therefore decided to take note of the proposal of the Executive Secretary to implement the scheme to the extent possible in the light of the limited financial resources available, and to direct him to enter into contact with the authorities of the Zones of Occupation with a view to their providing the necessary supplies. This will in practice leave the matter where it is, since it will be open to the occupying powers to say that these extra rations cannot be provided.

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2. After the New Zealand member had stated that his Government's contribution for the first quarter had been authorised and would be paid in sterling, the afternoon session was devoted to a highly inconclusive discussion of the Report by the Executive Secretary on the establishment of semi-judicial machinery to determine questions of eligibility. It soon became clear that (with the exception of the British representative) most of those present had not devoted any serious thought to the problem. It was agreed to omit a provision which would have enabled countries of origin to initiate appeals on questions of eligibility. One or two other amendments to the paper were agreed and it was decided to consider the revised paper at a public session.

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Foreign Office please pass Saving to posts named.
Following from Sir V. Mallet.
My telegram Saving No. 5.

The Preparatory Commission met in public session on Friday, 18th July, to discuss the resignation of the Executive Secretary and the election of his successor. A number of laudatory speeches were made and a resolution was passed accepting Altmeyer's resignation with regret and expressing appreciation for the distinguished services he had rendered during the difficult early period in the work of the Preparatory Commission. The Chairman then stated that he had received only one nomination for this post. After hearing an account of Mr. Hallam Tuck's career, the Commission, by a secret ballot, unanimously elected him to the post of Executive Secretary. The change-over will take place when Altmeyer's resignation becomes effective, but not later than August 15th.

2. The Commission met in private session in the afternoon to discuss the Report of the Advisory Committee (Document 96). During the discussion the Guatemalan representative raised the highly inconvenient question whether the Preparatory Commission was competent to make decisions by a majority of the members present or whether an absolute majority of the members was required. Twenty Governments are now members of the Preparatory Commission, but only thirteen of them are represented at the present session, and it sometimes happens that less than eleven attend a given meeting. After a lengthy discussion it was agreed, at my suggestion, to appoint a sub-committee to consider whether the rules of the Economic and Social Council (which require an absolute majority of all members) were applicable to the proceedings of the Preparatory Commission, and if not, to draft a resolution setting out an approved procedure.

3. It was also agreed to discuss the Headquarters Organisation Chart at a later date. This, owing to the efforts of the French to find a post for de Rosen, may well waste a good deal of time. The rest of the Advisory Committee's Report was agreed without comment.

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Following from Sir V. Mallet.
My telegram Saving No. 4.

The Preparatory Commission met in private session on Thursday, 17th July, to continue discussion of the Executive Secretary's Report. The morning session was devoted principally to a discussion of the basic ration level for displaced persons in the various Zones of Germany and Austria. Altmeyer suggested that a uniform ration should be agreed upon for all Zones; this should be 1,900 calories a day, the lowest level laid down by the F.A.O. for the maintenance of health. During the discussion of the ration scale provided in the British Zone of Germany, I pointed out that the figures given were misleading since the minimum ration of 1,550 calories was quoted against 2.450 in the United States Zone, which was in fact the average figure, the minimum ration being 2,000 calories. No definite conclusion was reached, but the general view was that a minimum ration of 1,900 calories should be aimed at in all Zones.

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2. A somewhat inconclusive discussion on the position in Italy followed. There was general agreement that I.R.O. could not evade its responsibilities towards the refugees in Italy, but no solution was found for the financial problems involved. It was finally agreed to direct the Executive Secretary to continue his negotiations with the Italian Government.

3. As regards the status of the Budget, Altmeyer explained that on the 15th July there was a deficit of some $30,000,000 which had been reduced to some $10,000,000 by advances of services and supplies by the occupation authorities and UNRRA. Another $3,000,000 had been borrowed from UNRRA and the United Nations. Meanwhile the fact that the Organisation was at present working at four different headquarters (Geneva, Lausanne, Paris and London) was responsible for a good deal of extra expense. It was also proving expensive to resettle refugees in Australia and South America owing to the high cost of fares. Expenses for care and maintenance would of course decrease as the numbers of displaced persons diminished.

4. As regards resettlement, the Australian member said that discussions were under way and that prospects

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were favourable, while the Canadian member announced that his Government had decided to authorise the admission of an additional 5,000 persons.

5. Discussion of the Executive Secretary's Report ended with a statement about the negotiations with the Swiss and other authorities concerned about accommodation for the Headquarters of the I.R.O. No entirely satisfactory solution was in view but it was hoped by September 1st to secure sufficient accommodation in the Palais Wilson and in the Palais des Nations to enable the Headquarters to be consolidated in Geneva.

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INCOMING TELEGRAM

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From: Foreign Office

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Date & Time of Receipt: 1641 GMT 27.7.47.

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Addressed to Vienna telegram No. 996 of July 24th repeated to Belgrade.

Your telegram No. 665. 4/6

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Following for Acting High Commissioner.

Article 2. We will bear your comments about "high-ranking mission " in mind when making detailed arrangements. Present idea is appointment of high official to supervise existing personnel both in Germany and Austria who would we trust complete activities carried out over the last two years by existing missions to the satisfaction of the Yugoslav Government and dissolve them on his departure. We will see name or names are submitted.

2. Article 3. The reports cover all purposes, but the intention of the article is to restrict requests for inspection to those of suspected traitors only. We propose to replace the words after "Yugoslav national" with words "whose surrender is requested on suspicion of collaboration provided that Yugoslav Liaison Mission asks for him by name and that his identity can be satisfactorily established." For alternative to article we propose to replace "on suspicion" by "if there is evidence to show."

3. Article 4. This refers to Germany as well as Austria and conforms with undertaking given at last Moscow Conference. After "any such organisations which" we propose to add "they are satisifed are - -".

4. Article 5. We propose, subject to concurrence of C-in-C Germany, to redraft this in the form of an assurance regarding H.M. Government's intention to remove those found ineligible for I.R.O. protection after screening in Austria.

5. Article 7. We feel that we must agree to some such Article in virtue of recent C.F.M. decision that "accredited representatives of interested nations whose citizens are still in camps - - - should have the right to visit these places."

6. Article 11. After "all possible steps" add "when a prima facie case has been made out". After "in this task" add "by providing information."

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7. Article 13.

a) We agree with proposed addition.

b) This addition does not seem appropriate to an Anglo-Yugoslav agreement. We can certainly ignore such requests but can scarcely bind Yugoslavs not to make them in view of our obligations as a member of United Nations.

8. Your para. 2. I agree that you should give your U.S. colleague a general account of the present position, and show him text of agreement when it has reached final stage.

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OUTGOING TELEGRAM

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No. 157

CYPHER.

To: ROME

From: Mr. Peake, Belgrade

Date: 14.7.47.

Desp: 1630 hrs. 14.7.47.

Rept: SAVING TO: FOREIGN OFFICE No. 31(S) VIENNA 35 (S)

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Following for Screening Commission.

-301- Your letter LACAB 64 INT WOSM of the 4th June.

I have obtained and am sending in four crossed bags by tomorrow's plane complete files of HRVATSKI NAROD from April 1941 to December 1942, and from January to April 1945, and of NOVA HRVATSKA from January 1942 to December 1944.

2. These papers have been borrowed from the Government Records Office and the Croatian Prime Minister has asked that they should be handled with the utmost care, and be returned in tact as soon as possible.

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INCOMING TELEGRAM

To : VIENNA

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Following received from Lausanne telgram no. 106 of July 27th

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Confidential.

Please pass following to Screening Mission Klagenfurt from MACLEAN.

Party for Yugoslavia will be composed as follows:- Self, wife, and Clarke.

2. It is not yet certain whether we shall be motoring to BLED or flying to Belgrade or both.

3. I should be glad if Mrs. LEES would in future act as my Private Secretary but she will not need to accompany me to Yugoslavia.

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OUTGOING TELEGRAM

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Following for Colonel Clarke from Maclean Mission.

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Rome telegram No. 165. Shall be grateful for early reply.

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IMPORTANT

Following from Screening Commission.

Your telegram No. 859 to Foreign Office,

Party for Yugoslavia will consist of:-

Major General & Mrs. F.H.R. MACLEAN

Mr. Desmond L. CLARKE

and driver Lance/Corporal GREGORY.

May Yugoslav clearance be obtained.

Will party need visas in addition to clearance document?

Foreign Office please pass Important Belgrade as my telegram 86.

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Despatched 25.7.47. Received 0847 GMT 26.7.47.

No. 1000 of 25.7.47.

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Addressed to Vienna telegram no. 1000 of July 25th repeated to U.K. Del. Lausanne and Belgrade.

Confidential.

Following for Maclean at Klagenfurt from Jebb.

Your telegram of July 24th N.T. from Lausanne.

Prospects of having proposals ready by August 1st have receded as the Secretary of State is referring Watchmens' service problem to the Cabinet.

2. I will let you know as soon as possible about b your administration and Major SATOW.

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For Action.

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TO

(W) For Information (INFO)

Message Instructions. G R

Originator's No.

Unclassified DC/91

Please pass to Refugee Screening Commission for LEES

for General MACLEAN (.)

Reference my DC/89 of 24th July (.) Delete 31 August and insert

31 July (.) 422.

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Orig: MA/DC

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Signed.

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26 JUL 1947
VIENNA

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OUTGOING MESSAGE FORM

FROM : ACABRIT

DATE : 25 July 47

To : FOREIGN OFFICE (GERMAN SECTION)

TOO : 1100 B

INFO : BERCOMB BERLIN NO. 917 BASIC

CONCOMB LUBBECKE NO. 1287 BASIC

LEMGO (PW/DP) NO. 1287 BASIC

PWDP/127/V. UNCLASSIFIED. 430.?

Further to our PWDP/127/V dated 24 July 47 in reply to your signal quote Turkish D.Ps unquote dated 22 July 47.

Your para B. is correct in the figure of 271 Turkish D.Ps in British Zone of Austria and British Bezirke of Vienna.

Priority : IMMEDIATE

[signature]
Major
for Colonel,
Director, PW & DP Division

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OUTGOING TELEGRAM

TO: FOREIGN OFFICE

Copy No. 10

TEL: NO: 677

FROM: VIENNA

DATE AND TIME OF ORIGIN: 1800 24.7.47

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From General Steele.

Subject is Yugoslav DPs.

On my return I have been studying two documents (A) Note of a Foreign Office Meeting held on 10th July and (B) Your telegram No. 943 containing the text of a draft agreement with Yugoslav Government.

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2. I wish to draw attention to Article 2 in draft agreement and the para headed "Administrative arrangements" in the Note and to say that they seem to me to complicate the matter. As I understand it the British Government is seeking an agreement with the Yugoslav Government to achieve certain aims. Once the Agreement is made General Maclean's function is to assist me to interpret the agreement in the best way possible. Therefore if there is to be any Yugoslav Mission it will be attached to me. In my opinion there should be no mention of General Maclean in the Agreement unless it were to state that it was understood that he would be my assistant in this matter.

3. The para. to which I have referred above in the Note seems to me to be confused and ambiguous. It was agreed as I understood that Maclean should work under me as a reinforcement to my existing organization. I could not agree to Maclean having "Phantom" powers i.e. the power to report direct in regard to this particular duty of mine. Any departure from the normal system whereby all telegrams are sent in my name or on my behalf must lead to confusion. It is not clear what "in other matters" means but provided these had nothing to do with my responsibilities I would of course have no objection.

4. I am anxious that there should be no doubt about the relationship of Maclean to the C in C and High Commissioner in this matter of implementing the agreement arrived at as between the British and Yugoslav Governments.

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Political Division,
Allied Commission for Austria,
(British Element),
Vienna.

POL/183/431/47.

25th July, 1947.

Dear Chancery,

We enclose a copy of a letter which we have received from the Social Administration Division of the British Element. Would you please bring it to the notice of your Consular Branch.

Yours ever,

Political Division.

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The Office of the United Kingdom
Political Representative,
Budapest.

Copies to: Consular Branch, Vienna.
Visa Branch, Vienna.

COPY.

ALLIED COMMISSION FOR AUSTRIA.

(British Element)

Tel:- ACABRIT Ext.197.

Subject: Recent Arrivals from Jugoslavia and Hungary - Applications made for Employment in U.K.

To: Political Division.

Reference attached report from office of H.Q. Ministry of Labour and National Service. It is requested that you be good enough to inform the British Consul in Budapest that under no circumstances should he give advice as alleged has been given.

Whilst it is true that applications from persons resident outside Austria, other than Germany, may not be made for emigration to the U.K., under the WESTWARD HO scheme, and that residence in Austria does at least permit of application being made, such applications from persons now coming over the border would be rejected, on sight, without interview. It would be appreciated if the British Consul could be advised to take whatever steps possible to publicise the fact that persons, as above, are quite ineligible under the WESTWARD HO scheme of emigration.

(Sgd) N.L. Shone.
Acting Director,
Social Administration Division.

18th July, 1947.

Enc.

COPY.

MINISTRY OF LABOUR & NATIONAL SERVICE.

TEL: 438.

TO: Mr. Shone
Social Administration Division.

SUBJECT: Recent Arrivals from Jugoslavia & Hungary-
Applications Made for Employment in U.K.

Miss Naylor reports that of 23 Jugoslav and Hungarian men who turned up for Interview today, 20 had all arrived since April and some during July. When questioned, these D.Ps stated that the British Consulate in Budapest had advised them that they could only apply to go to the UK if they were D.P's in Austria, with the implication that it only remained for them to cross the border.

I think this is a most unfortunate state of affairs from all points of view. We reject any persons who arrived in Austria after 1st April, 1947. Consequently they are coming under a false impression, will be a liability to the British and are spreading the rumour of British encouraging such an exodus.

Perhaps you would be able to take the matter up with Political Division and rectify this mistake.

(Sgd) Mary Edwards.

Headquarters Recruitment Office,
Ministry of Labour & National
Service.

Vienna,
17th July, 1947.

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POLITICAL DIVISION
25 JUL 1947
VIENNA

OUTGOING MESSAGE

FROM : ACABRIT VIENNA DATE : 24 July 1947

TO : FOREIGN OFFICE (GERMAN SECTION) TCO : 1700 B

INFO : BERCOMB BERLIN NO.947 BASIC

: CONCOMB LUBBECKE NO.1287 BASIC

: LEMGO (PW/DP) NO.1287 BASIC.

PWDP/127/V(.) UNCLASSIFIED(.)

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ONE(.) Reply your Signal "Turkish DPs" dated 22 July 1947 ACA (BE) would welcome visit of Turkish Mission for repatriation of Turkish DPs(.)

TWO(.) As Turkish DPs are concentrated in two camps suggest visit be confined to period of seven days(.)

for Colonel
Director PW & DP Division

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Originator - PW & DP Division

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POLITICAL DIVISION
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VIENNA

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Miss Trevor
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INCOMING MESSAGE
UNCLASSIFIED

FROM: FOREIGN OFFICE (GERMAN SECTION)

DATE: 22 July 47.

TO: BERCOMB BERLIN NO. 917 BASIC:
ACABRIT VIENNA

TOO: 2130

IMMEDIATE

INFO: CONCOMB LUBBECKE NO. 1287 BASIC:
LEMGO (PW/DP) NO. 1287 BASIC

UNCLASSIFIED

Subject: Turkish DP's.

1. Turkish Ministry of Foreign Affairs has requested permission for a commission of three to visit DP camps in Italy, Greece and Germany in order to examine the possibility of repatriating Turkish DP's.

2. All being well the Commission plans to enter Germany from Switzerland early in August and would spend about 14 days in our zone.

3. There is no mention of a visit to Austria but pending confirmation by ACA(DE) we will suggest that the Turks go there before Germany.

4. Will both CCG/BE and ACA/DE. Please send confirmation by return as follows:

(A) That the visit is to be welcomed and that the necessary facilities can be granted to the commission.

(B) Our returns show 27 Turkish DP's held in our zone of Germany and 271 in our zone of Austria. Please confirm that these figures are correct and include all DP's in whom the Turkish Commission might be interested.

DTG: 240800

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INCOMING TELEGRAM

To : VIENNA

COPY NO: 9

From : BELGRADE.

NO: 69.

DATE & TIME OF ORIGIN: 22.7.47.

DATE & TIME OF RECEIPT: 15.04.GMT. 23.7.47.

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Addressed to Foreign Office telegram 858 of July 22nd repeated Vienna.

Your telegram 866 to Vienna and Vienna letter POL/39/70 of 10th July. Incidents on YUGOSLAV-AUSTRIAN frontier.

Trial began today in LJUBLJANA of 12 members of the SERNEZ GANG accused of acts of banditry and murders in YUGOSLAV frontier zone INCLUDING MOST if not all of those complained of in earlier Yugoslav notes.

2. The defendants were also accused of espionage and gathering data of a military and political character for a LT.COL. GLUSHICH of former royal Yugoslav army and for an English Major and 2 NCO's of F.S.S. whom they met in the house of JOSEPF KOBLER at HAMMERKAUTZ. The accused were stated to have come from the D.P. Camps at STRAS-WAGNA and LIPNICA and one of them had received guerrilla training in a camp at GLASBACH.

3. I will send a full report of the trial by next available bag.

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Maj Barratt

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Who should attend the meeting? Ex Barratt 25/7

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ALLIED COMMISSION FOR AUSTRIA
(British Element)

Subject: IRO Agreement.

SEC 2336

To: Director:
Political Division
Legal Division
Economic Division
Finance Division
PW & DP Division
Military Division

24th July 1947.

Addressees are requested to send representatives to attend a meeting in the Chief of Staff's office at 0915 hours Saturday 26th July to discuss the IRO agreement.

The Secretariat is providing the Secretary.

P.D. Mather
Colonel,
Deputy Secretary.

PDM/MPB

Copy to: PA/COS
Divisional Section, ref last line.

Attended meeting. Various points to be amended and cleared up. Await minutes.

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May Barratt

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DJB 25/7.

ALLIED COMMISSION FOR AUSTRIA
(British Element)

To: Internal Affairs Division,
Finance Division.
Military Division.
Political Division.
Economic Division

PW & DP Division
Ext. 186

DP3/217/V

July 23rd 1947.

Copies to:
Secretariat.
M.A. to Deputy Commissioner.
P.A./C.O.S.

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1. Reference this Division letter DP3/217/V dated June 4th 1947. After many discussions with interested Divisions of this Commission and with officials of the International Refugee Organisation the final draft of the Proposed Agreement between I.R.O. and the High Commissioner has been prepared. It is believed that this draft embodies all the various suggestions and amendments made by the interested Divisions and it is hoped that they are now in a position to agree to the present draft, copy of which has been sent to Norfolk House.

2. I shall be glad if the interested Divisions would notify their agreement with this draft at the earliest possible date as it will require to be sent to I.R.O. Headquarters, Geneva, before signature can be arranged.

Colonel.
Director, PW & DP Division.

Enc. Final draft of
Proposed Agreement.

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Maj. Barnett

Already seen.

DRAFT

AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE PREPARATORY COMMISSION OF THE INTERNATIONAL REFUGEE ORGANISATION

AND

THE HIGH COMMISSIONER, ALLIED COMMISSION FOR AUSTRIA (BRITISH ELEMENT)

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The Preparatory Commission of the International Refugee Organisation (hereinafter referred to as "the I.R.O.") and the High Commissioner, Allied Commission for Austria (British Element), (hereinafter referred to as "A.C.A. (B.E.)") have hereby agreed as follows:-

ARTICLE I OBJECT

A.C.A. (B.E.) and the I.R.O. agree that it is their common objective, in accordance with the principles of the Constitution of the I.R.O., to effect as soon as possible the repatriation, or the resettlement in other countries, of displaced persons and refugees now in the British Zone of Austria. (Throughout this Agreement the term British Zone of Austria shall be deemed to include the British Occupied areas). Their actions in matters relating to the care and maintenance of such persons pending their repatriation or resettlement will be directed towards the achievement of this objective.

ARTICLE II PERSONS TO WHOM THIS AGREEMENT RELATES

1. This agreement relates to all persons eligible for the care and assistance of the I.R.O. under its Constitution.

2. The I.R.O. shall be responsible for determining eligibility under the I.R.O. Constitution. The I.R.O. shall keep A.C.A. (B.E.) informed as to the methods and machinery it establishes for this purpose.

3. The I.R.O. recognises that it is the function of A.C.A. (B.E.) to adjudicate in cases of suspected war criminals, traitors and quislings who may thus be ineligible for the I.R.O. assistance. The I.R.O. therefore agrees to co-operate as closely as possible with A.C.A. (B.E.), with a view to avoiding conflicting decisions in such cases.

4. The I.R.O. agrees that A.C.A. (B.E.) may take such action as it may deem appropriate, including the arrest, deportation or prevention of entry into camps of any persons whom it has good reason to regard as illegal entrants to the Zone. A.C.A. (B.E.) in turn recognises that it is the obligation of the I.R.O. to make such representations as it deems necessary on behalf of bona fide refugees and displaced persons in order to fulfil its responsibilities under its Constitution.

5. A.C.A. (B.E.) will be responsible for taking such action as may be necessary in order to prevent persons whom the I.R.O. has determined to be ineligible from receiving assistance from the I.R.O. For this purpose, A.C.A. (B.E.) will be responsible for removing from camps and assembly centres maintained on behalf of the I.R.O., such persons as the I.R.O. may determine to be ineligible.

ARTICLE III RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE I.R.O. AND A.C.A. (B.E.)

1. The I.R.O. will operate in the British Zone of Austria in accordance with the general laws and Military Government ordinances applicable throughout the Zone, and recognizes that the High Commissioner has sovereign authority in the Zone and full and complete responsibilities over law, order and all aspects of security, including the entry and continued presence in the Zone of the I.R.O. staff.

2. Under the provisions of Article 2 paragraph 2(d) of its Constitution, the I.R.O. agrees to entrust to A.C.A. (B.E.) the execution of the I.R.O. policy in regard to the material care and maintenance of displaced persons and refugees eligible under the I.R.O. Constitution and in camps and assembly centres pending their repatriation or resettlement including the operation of such camps and assembly centres, under the supervision of the I.R.O.

3. A.C.A. (B.E.) agree to give effect to the policies decided on by resolutions of the Preparatory Commission or the General Council of the I.R.O. as contained in the instructions of the Director General or Executive Secretary in regard to material care and maintenance to the greatest extent possible having regard to the over-riding requirements of law, order and security and practical difficulties in regard to the provision of accommodation, transport, food and other supplies.

4. Consultation will take place in regard to the implementation of the I.R.O. policies in regard to displaced persons and refugees at all appropriate levels. In particular consultation shall take place between the principal representative of the I.R.O. in Austria and the appropriate authority of A.C.A. (B.E.) with a view to agreement on respective instructions to be issued for the effective implementation of such policies in harmony with the general requirements of the Zonal authorities and economy of the Zone.

/5. The I.R.O. ...

5. The I.R.O. may maintain a staff in the Zone, subject to Article VIII below. The I.R.O. staff can supervise at every appropriate level the execution of the I.R.O. policy by A.C.A. (B.E.) with regard to material care and maintenance, subject to the over-riding needs of the maintenance of law, order, security and public health.

ARTICLE IV RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE I.R.O.

The I.R.O. shall be responsible for:

1. The supervision of the care and maintenance of displaced persons and refugees in accordance with Article III.

2. The determination of eligibility under the I.R.O. Constitution in accordance with Article II.

3. Classification of displaced persons and refugees, in close co-operation with A.C.A. (B.E.) and with a view to the issue to them of appropriate documents to show that such classification has taken place.

4. Measures, to be taken in co-operation with A.C.A. (B.E.) for the encouragement and organisation of repatriation. For this purpose the I.R.O. representatives shall have access to and maintain close touch with the national liaison officers and repatriation missions accredited to the High Commissioner.

5. The arrangements subject to general control by the High Commissioner in the interests of law, order and security, whereby the national liaison officers and repatriation missions may give information to displaced persons about the conditions existing in countries of nationality or former habitual residence.

6. Resettlement, including the selection, documentation and preparation of displaced persons for resettlement, negotiations with representatives and Governments of countries of eventual receiption and notification to A.C.A. (B.E.) of arrangements required for movement.

7. The sponsorship of, and detailed arrangements concerning persons and missions from countries of possible resettlement visiting the British Zone of Austria to survey or select displaced persons for resettlement.

8. Providing where required staff to accompany repatriation or resettlement convoys.

/9. Schemes ...

9. Schemes for rehabilitation and special training with a view to eventual repatriation or resettlement.

10. Plans for the priority assistance of unaccompanied orphan children, for the re-uniting of separated families and for the alleviation of other similar cases of individual distress. Such plans will be formulated solely in the humanitarian interest of the persons concerned and without regard to considerations of a political nature.

11. Protection of the legitimate interests of stateless displaced persons and refugees and of those who do not enjoy the protection of their Governments of nationality and of such other persons as may be agreed upon.

12. Providing means of transport for its staff moving within the British Zone of Austria.

13. Providing amenity supplies.

ARTICLE V RESPONSIBILITIES OF A.C.A. (B.E.)

A.C.A. (B.E.) shall be responsible for:

1. Ensuring the maintenance of law, order, and security, including the enforcement of administrative ordinances and regulations in the Zone, ~~/providing always that the use of troops for this purpose is entirely at the discretion of A.C.A. (B.E.)./~~

2. Putting into effect the policies of the I.R.O. in accordance with Article III.

3. Ensuring the provision of food, clothing, accommodation and other necessaries for displaced persons and refugees in accordance with the standards laid down by the I.R.O. insofar as this may be practicable and within the resources made available by the Austrian Government.

4. The control and operation of all camps and assembly centres.

5. Providing the I.R.O. personnel with free access to all displaced persons and refugees eligible under the I.R.O. Constitution.

6. Public health medical care and hospital facilities. within the resources available

7. Provision of religious and educational services and facilities.

8. The implementation on request by the I.R.O. and where practicable of plans prepared by the I.R.O. in connection with their responsibilities under Article IV.

9. Ensuring the employment to the maximum extent possible of displaced persons and refugees, pending their eventual repatriation or resettlement.

/10. Keeping ...

10. Keeping the I.R.O. informed regarding the development of A.C.A. (B.E.)'s employment policy and considering any representations or proposals put forward by the I.R.O. in this connection.

11. Co-operation with the I.R.O. in the execution of plans for repatriation and resettlement, including provision and control of internal movement in Austria.

12. Providing where necessary and when available guards to escort repatriation and resettlement convoys within Austria, ~~providing always that the use of troops for this purpose is entirely at the discretion of A.C.A. (B.E.)~~.

13. Arranging for the issue of exit permits and/or travel documents in accordance with the Intergovernmental Convention of 15 October, 1946, to refugees being resettled and permitting the movement out of the Zone of refugees and displaced persons being repatriated or resettled.

14. Taking such action as may be necessary or appropriate in accordance with Article II in regard to displaced persons and refugees who are determined by the I.R.O. to be ineligible for assistance or who are deemed to be illegal entrants into the Zone.

To be deleted + a suitable para inserted

15. Subject to ~~reimbursement~~ A.C.A. (B.E.) ~~will provide~~ such additional supplies of hospital dietary items and clothing as were previously supplied by voluntary agencies up to a level to be established by the I.R.O. within the limits of I.R.O.'s resources.

ARTICLE VI FACILITIES AND SERVICES TO BE PROVIDED FOR THE I.R.O. BY A.C.A. (B.E.).

1. A.C.A. (B.E.) shall arrange for the provision, subject to Article XI paragraph 2, of facilites for the I.R.O. personnel in accordance with the Schedule annexed to this Agreement at Appendix 'A'.

2. These facilities shall be provided on repayment and shall be in accordance with scales and regulations generally in force in the Zone.

3. The I.R.O. personnel shall enjoy these facilities according to their status and equivalent grade and under the same conditions as apply to the personnel of A.C.A. (B.E.).

4. The procedure regarding the employment [~~and payment~~] of Austrian civilian personnel will be the same as that obtaining with respect to such personnel employed by A.C.A. (B.E.). delete

ARTICLE VII FINANCE

1. It will be the responsibility of A.C.A. (B.E.) to ensure provision by the Austrian Authorities, without charge to the I.R.O. of basic supplies for the maintenance of refugees and displaced persons living in displaced persons camps and eligible for the I.R.O. care and relief up to the same level and composition as are provided to the Austrian population in the British Zone.

2. The I.R.O. shall make payment or an allowance deductable from contributions due by His Majesty's Government of

(a) [sterling] cost of additional basic supplies formulated in accordance with Article V paragraph 15 and

(b) a sum based on a per capita assessment of the agreed cost incurred in [sterling] by A.C.A. (B.E.) in respect of the care and maintenance of eligible displaced persons and refugees in displaced persons camps which shall include the cost of the staff, up-keep of transport and equipment and other incidental expenses.

3. It will be the responsibility of A.C.A. (B.E.) to ensure the provision by the Austrian Authorities, without charge to the I.R.O., of such Austrian currency, as may be agreed from time to time between A.C.A. (B.E.) and the I.R.O., to be necessary for the I.R.O. to carry out its responsibilities under this Agreement.

4. The exact form of the accounting records and the method of calculating prices and charges shall be agreed between the I.R.O. and A.C.A. (B.E.).

ARTICLE VIII CONDITIONS RELATING TO I.R.O. PERSONNEL

1. I.R.O. personnel shall be subject to Military Government Law and Courts in respect of offences committed by them in the British Zone.

2. The I.R.O. personnel including personnel of agencies operating under the control of the I.R.O. will be subject to Military Government Law and Courts for offences committed by them in the British Zone. In respect of offences against Austrian Law, the I.R.O. and the I.R.O. personnel, if United Nations Nationals, shall have the immunities and privileges of civilian United Nations Nationals employed by the British Element until such time as it is determined what privileges and immunities are to be enjoyed by the I.R.O. personnel pursuant to the agreement contemplated by Article 13, Section 3, of the I.R.O. Constitution.

3. Displaced persons in the British Zone eligible for the I.R.O. assistance will have the same legal status and be subject to the same courts as United Nations Nationals who have no official relation with United Kingdom Forces in Austria or be subject to such other more favourable status as may be prescribed by A.C.A. (B.E.).

4. I.R.O. personnel shall be subject to the same financial regulations as are applicable to the civilian personnel of A.C.A. (B.E.).

5. I.R.O. agrees that the number of I.R.O. personnel employed in the Zone shall be the mimimum consistent with the efficient discharge of its functions.

6. Appointments of senior I.R.O. personnel to posts of responsibility in the British Zone, shall be made in consultation with A.C.A. (B.E.).

ARTICLE IX AGREEMENT WITH VOLUNTARY SOCIETIES

The I.R.O. and A.C.A. (B.E.) shall be jointly associated in tripartite agreements to be reached with voluntary societies in regard to activities to be undertaken by such societies in connection with eligible displaced persons and refugees pending their repatriation or resettlement and in regard to the provision of any amenities supplied or to be supplied to displaced persons and refugees by such societies.

ARTICLE X TRANSFER OF U.N.R.R.A. EQUIPMENT

The I.R.O. shall lend to A.C.A. (B.E.) without charge from the transport resources and equipment taken over from U.N.R.R.A. such transport and equipment as shall be agreed to be necessary for the care and maintenance of eligible displaced persons and refugees living in displaced persons camps.

ARTICLE XI DURATION AND REVIEW

Unless terminated in para 2.

1. This agreement shall come into force on the 1st July 1947 and remain in force for a period of six months. After the expiry of that period it will be subject to termination on three months notice given by either party or upon the termination of displaced persons operations by either of the parties. Discussions for the purpose of reviewing these provisions may be undertaken at any time at the request of either party.

Provision

2. ~~The facilities referred to in~~ Article VI ~~of~~ this agreement will terminate, ~~irrespective of the provisions of paragraph 1 of this Article~~ on the day upon which the withdrawal of the British Occupation Forces commences in accordance with the terms of the Austrian Treaty.

APPENDIX 'A'

FACILITIES TO BE MADE AVAILABLE TO THE I.R.O. PERSONNEL IN ACCORDANCE WITH ARTICLE VI

	PETROL, OIL AND LUBRICANTS	
	RATIONS	provided they are drawn from an A.C.A. (B.E.) or C.A. unit and not from a Military unit.
X	HOSPITAL TREATMENT	exclusive of Dental treatment, and out-patient facilities except in emergency.
	ARMY POSTAL SERVICES, TELEGRAPHS AND TELEPHONES	
	MILITARY RAILWAY FACILITIES	within the BRITISH Zone AUSTRIA and subject to Military priorities.
X	FIELD CASH OFFICES	
X	WELFARE FACILITES	
	ACCOMMODATION ? - To be deleted	provided no fresh requisitioning is involved.
	FUEL AND LIGHT	
	OFFICERS & O.R's CLUBS CONTROLLED BY B.T.A.	
X	TRANSIT HOTELS	in VIENNA confined to the ASTORIA.
X	LEAVE HOTELS	when vacancies exist within A.C.A. (B.E.).
	FAMILIES FACILITIES	the grant of these facilities to the I.R.O. personnel will be subject to availability regulated in accordance with the conditions of the Married Families Scheme.
	REPAIR OF VEHICLES	recovery and repair facilities in emergency only in the event of a break-down on the road.

X Subject to availability

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Telephoned Vienna Cmn 25/7

From:— FOREIGN OFFICE *To:—* VIENNA

Despatched 23.7.47. Received 1714 GMT 23.7.47.

No. 938 of 23.7.47.

Following received from Belgrade telegram No. 649 of 18/7/47

Begins:-

Following for MACLEAN. Your telegram No. 1504. YUGOSLAV Government would prefer August 1st and I hope to let you know within next two or three days whether to come to BLED or BELGRADE.

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TO: VIENNA

FROM: BELGRADE

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Date and time of receipt 0742 GMT 24.7.47

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Addressed to Foreign Office telegram No. 859 of July 23rd repeated Vienna (for Sc reening Mission) Please pass following to General Maclean C/O I.R.O. Lausanne. Begins. Further conversations will be at BLED, August 4th would be convenient date to begin. Can you arrive day earlier, glad to put you up, but accommodation otherwise rather restricted.

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To: BERNE

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IMMEDIATE

Please pass following Immediate to British Consul, Lausanne

Begins

For Major General Maclean, Hotel Beau Rivage, from Selby:

1) Understand from G-2 AFHQ that Yugoslav screening in Rome cannot now finish till August 10th or later.

2) ALSTON and KRANK finished July 17th on original schedule by arrangement with MENTZ and ROYCE on understanding there was nothing further to do

3) G-5 are now complaining of their withdrawal repeat withdrawal and TROOPERS have asked us to help if possible.

4) I had already given extension till end of July but in view

(a) of your known requirement, later confirmed by signal, to start work on August 1st in Austria with full staff

and (b) of this muddle in Rome which has invalidated both your original July 15th and my extension,

I do not consider further extension of EARLE in Rome beyond end of July should be granted without your authority.

5) The original reason for my extension was a Legal Board, which in any case never came off, and files are absolutely necessary here for beginning of work on August 1st.

6) Am being pressed for a decision about EARLE.

Ends.

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For Action.

B.T.A.

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(W) For Information (INFO)

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Originator's No.

Unclassified DC/89.

Please pass to Refugee Screening Commission for LNES for General MACLEAN (.)
Commander-in-Chief wishes to see General MACLEAN at his ville at PORZENHEIM at 0930 hours on Thursday 31 August in order to discuss plans

ACK

Orig: AA/DC

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Signed. Signed.

~~Sir Col Wilkinson~~

Reference 183/413/47

Folio 3. C.O.S requested PW & DP Div to prepare drafts

(a) Re D.P.s whom we wish Austr. Govt to absorb into the Austrian Economy — This Inf will be required by Pol Div as basis for approach to Aust. Govt.

(b) Dft letter to Chancellor in forming him that maintenance of D.P.s in both British & UNRRA administered Camps is entirely the resp. of the Austr. Govt.

Folio 12. Dft letter to Chancellor asked for in (b) above.

Folio 13. Statement, as required in (a) above, — for Inf. of Pol Div. includes suggestion that Yugoslav. Rumanian & Bulgarian Volksdeutsche now resident in Austria should be absorbed into the Austrian life & Economy.

Austr. Govt. in agreement with principle of taking over D.P. Camps ~~—~~ but request quadripartite agreement on the matter. They are not prepared improvisionally to accept ~~[illegible]~~ unlimited quantities of D.P.s likely to arrive from S.E. states of Europe.

Folio 31. 18 Jan. D.C. decided that no written approach was to be made to the Austr. Govt on this subject. Instead he intends to communicate our policy to them verbally. (See Mr. Mack's minute)

Folio 35. letter from D.C. to Mr Mack re approach to Austr. Govt referred to in Folio 31. & quoting Figl's statement accepting resp. for maint. of D.P.s. Mr Mack's minute was "Draft to Fed. Chancellor".

Folio 38. Desp. on subject to F.O. (see para 2)

Folio 40. Dft letter to Chancellor (see minute to Folio 35)

Folio 77. letter from Pol Div to D.C. etc enclosing interchange of notes on subject of maint. of D.P.s between Pol Div & Figl. ~~[illegible]~~

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(see Mr Mack's ~~note~~ minute).

Is a further Communication required with the Austrian Govt.?

Mr Chetham.

I am against pressing the Austrian Govt. too hard on this point at the present time.

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24/7.

I agree.

RC.
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TELEGRAM.

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From:— FOREIGN OFFICE To:— VIENNA

Despatched 23.7.47. Received 1200 GMT 23.7.47.

No. 986 of 23.7.47.

IMPORTANT

Following received from U.K. Delegation Geneva.

Begins.

Pass important to Vienna as No. 2 of July 22nd.

Please pass following to screening commission at Klagenfurt from MacLean.

Begins.

Further to my message from London I now understand my train reaches Villach at 12.55 hours and not at 1.30 hours on July 28th.

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IMMEDIATE

Please pass following Immediate British Consul, Lausanne.

Begins.

Following for Major General Maclean, BEAU RIVAGE, LAUSANNE from SELBY.

Please signal full composition of road party to BLED so that clearance documents may be obtained.

Presume you will take Veronica and Mrs LEES as well as CLARKE.

Ends.

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Miss Yavor
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INCOMING TELEGRAM

To: Vienna

From: Foreign Office Copy No: 11

No: 982

Date & Time of Origin: 21.7.47.

Date & Time of Receipt: 1806 BMT 21.7.47.

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IMMEDIATE

Please pass following to REFUGEE SCREENING COMMISSION KLAGENFURT from MACLEAN.

. I am arriving at VILLACH by ARLBERG express from Switzerland at 0130 hours on 28th July - repeat 0130 hours on 28th July. Please arrange for me to be met there.

2. I shall need to motor to BLED within a few days of my arrival. I hope suitable car is available. Desmond Clarke should stand by to accompany me.

Bevin.

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1 MA/C-in-C
2 Sir H. Mack
3 Mr. Cheetham
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Maj Barratt

~~Should be communicated~~

POLITICAL DIVISION
19 JUL 1947
VIENNA

ALLIED COMMISSION FOR AUSTRIA

(British Element)

Tel:- ACABRIT Ext.197.

28/7

Subject:- Recent Arrivals from Jugoslavia and Hungary - Applications made for Employment in U.K.

To:- Political Division.

Reference attached report from office of H.Q. Ministry of Labour and National Service. It is requested that you be good enough to inform the British Consul in Budapest that under no circumstances should he give advice as alleged has been given.

Whilst it is true that applications from persons resident outside Austria, other than Germany, may not be made for emigration to the U.K., under the WESTWARD HO scheme, and that residence in Austria does at least permit of application being made, such applications from persons now coming over the border would be rejected, on sight, without interview. It would be appreciated if the British Consul could be advised to take whatever steps possible to publicise the fact that persons, as above, are quite ineligible under the WESTWARD HO scheme of emigration.

N. R. Thone
Acting Director,
Social Administration Division.

18th July, 1947.

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Enc.

MINISTRY OF LABOUR & NATIONAL SERVICE

418A.

TEL: 438

TO: Mr. Shone
Social Administration Division.

SUBJECT: Recent Arrivals from Jugoslavia & Hungary-
Applications Made for Employment in U.K.

Miss Naylor reports that of 23 Jugoslav and Hungarian men who turned up for Interview today, 20 had all arrived since April and some during July. When questioned, these D.Ps stated that the British Consulate in Budapest had advised them that they would only apply to go to the UK if they were D.P's in Austria, with the implication that it only remained for them to cross the border.

I think this is a most unfortunate state of affairs from all points of view. We reject any persons who arrived in Austria after 1st April, 1947. Consequently they are coming under a false impression, will be a liability to the British and are spreading the rumour of British encouraging such an exodus.

Perhaps you would be able to take the matter up with Political Division and rectify this mistake

Mary Edwards

Headquarters Recruitment Office,
Ministry of Labour & National
Service.

Vienna,
17th July, 1947

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INCOMING TELEGRAM

To: Vienna Copy No: 11

From: Foreign Office

No: 966

Date & Time of Origin: 18.7.47.

Date & Time of Receipt: 1802 GMT 18.7.47.

K/OTP

Addressed to Belgrade telegram No.1584 of July 18th repeated to Vienna.

Following for H.M. Ambassador from Maclean.

Draft agreement for settlement of refugee problem is still under discussions here but it is hoped that the final decision will be received next week.

2. I am flying to Lausanne on July 22nd to attend IRO Conference and shall travel thence to Austria arriving on July 27th or July 28th.

3. I could then either fly to Belgrade from Vienna on June 29th [sic ? July 29th intended] or else motor from Klagenfurt to Bled. Please telegraph urgently which would be most convenient.

4. Please pass to Screening Commission Klagenfurt.

[Text of message phoned Mr. Lees' office 1030 hrs 19.7.47.]

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FROM: VIENNA: COPY NO: 13

TO: FOREIGN OFFICE. Repeated to: Belgrade 82.

NO: 665.

DATE & TIME OF ORIGIN: 1420. 18.7.47.

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IMPORTANT.

SECRET.

Following from Acting High Commissioner.

Your telegram No.943. 49

I have the following comments to make on the draft text of Anglo Yugoslav agreement on Refugees.

Article 1. No comments.

Article 2. It is not clear whether "high ranking Mission" is in substitution of or in addition to present Yugoslav Repatriation Mission and Yugoslav War Crimes Mission. The new Mission should be in substitution of the two present Missions and be limited in numbers to their combined strength which is never more than eight. This is important for security reasons. Names of members of Missions must be submitted to Commander in Chief for his approval.

Article 3. I presume that this refers to screening of War Criminals Quislings and Collaborators and not to screening for IRO purposes. In alternative to Article 3(a) words "on suspicion" presuppose that we shall arrest persons against whom no prima facie case has been made out. This is not in keeping with British policy. I recommend this be worded "British authorities against whom a prima facie case of collaboration with the Axis Powers during the war has been made out".

Article 4. This article implies that the steps already taken to stamp out such activities are not repeat not satisfactory. We have taken energetic measures to suppress such organisations and are satisfied that none properly so-called remains. Yugoslav Government have had two years in which to supply information about "hostile" organisations in British zone of Austria. It is not clear how they can acquire further information except through activities in Austria on the part of the new Mission of a kind to which there would be strong security objections.

Article 5. It does not appear desirable that agreement of Yugoslav Government should be sought to removal of Yugoslav nationals from British zone since His Majesty's Government reserve the right to resettle elsewhere refugees who do not desire repatriation. See Foreign Office letter No.C6708/3419/3 of June 3rd about Soviet citizens the substance of which has been communicated to

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the Soviet High Commissioner. Article 5 may constitute an undesirable precedent which the Soviet might use against us in support of a charge of inconsistency. In any case it does not appear necessary to include it since notes of Meeting held at Foreign Office on July 10th indicate that complete transfer cannot be effected in near future.

Article 6. No comments.

Article 7. I agree with the view expressed by General Maclean at the Meeting on July 10th that it would be dangerous to allow propagandists into Austria. Under this cover it would be possible to introduce numbers of Ozna or other agents. Austrian authorities would have grounds for complaint if as is fairly certain the propagandists became involved in intrigues with irredentist bodies in Carinthia.

Articles 8, 9 and 10. No comment.

Article 11. I consider it is essential to state categorically that we shall not repeat not arrest anyone until a prima facie case against that person has been made out. Experience shows that we may be asked to arrest on suspicion persons against whom the Yugoslavs will subsequently try to build up a case. It should be made absolutely clear that Yugoslav Mission must not repeat not take any part in arrests.

Article 12. This Article is most welcome.

Article 13. Time limits are also welcome. I suggest two additions as Yugoslavs have habit of putting traitors on United Nations War Crimes Commission list. (a) In second sentence after "certain additional requests" add "to His Majesty's Government". (b) At end of same sentence add "nor will they request that any further Yugoslav national be placed on the United Nations War Crimes Commission list after this date"

2. I should welcome your instructions as to what information I am to give the U.S. authorities here. I respectfully suggest that it is important to give them early information in view of the effect on the Yugoslav nationals in the U.S. zone which may be caused by the appearance in the British zone of a high ranking Yugoslav Mission and the possibility of some movement of Yugoslavs from the British zone.

3. I should also welcome your instructions as to extent to which Austrian Government are to be informed or consulted.

4. I note from the proceedings of the Meeting held at the Foreign Office on July 10th an assumption that Yugoslav Displaced Persons cause trouble on the frontier. It should be noted that out of a total of 20,000 Yugoslav nationals in the British zone less than fifty have been associated with frontier disturbances.

Foreign Office pass to Belgrade as my telegram 82.

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ALLIED COMMISSION FOR AUSTRIA

(British Element)

POLITICAL DIVISION 18 JUL 1947

May Barratt 3pp's pse

1947/7

SUBJECT: Recommendations on the DP problem by Mr. F. Beswick, MP.

SEC 7147

TO : PW & DP Division
Legal Division
Political Division
Internal Affairs Division
Transport Division
Intelligence Organisation.

17th July 1947

As expected, the British Authorities refuse to accept "unrepatriable" D.P.s from Austria.

B Barratt 18/7

Attached for your information is a copy of the Control Commission for Germany's HQ/11101/Sec G of 8th July 1947.

2. The Foreign Office (German Section) letter G 23/530 of 13th June 1947 was sent to you under cover of SEC 7147 of 17th June 1947.

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O.O. Coulin
H. Col

Brigadier,
Chief Secretary.

JH/CLA.

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Central Secretariat,
Headquarters,
Control Commission for Germany (BE),
BERLIN, B.A.O.R.

8th July 1947.

Foreign Office ?(German Section),
Norfolk House,
St. James's Square,
LONDON, S.W.1.

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SUBJECT: Recommendations on the D.P. problem by Mr.F. Beswick, MP.

Your letter G23/530 of 13 June refers.

Recommendations (a) and (b) have been the main points of our policy (under H.M.G's instructions) for the past two years.

In co-operation with U.N.R.R.A., frequent repatriation drives have been made; one is in progress now to reduce the hard core. The results so far have been fair only, despite special efforts, but there is still hope for an improvement in the case of the Poles and Yugoslavs.

Once a Displaced Person has volunteered for repatriation, there is little delay in his despatch home, except in the case of Yugoslavs, Roumanians and Hungarians. This takes time to arrange,

2. Recommendation (c) - that the hard core of D.Ps in Austria who number, it is believed, some 60,000, should be transferred to the British Zone of Germany - has been put forward and rejected on various occasions during the past twelve months. The objection to it are set out in full in Argus 579 of 31 July 1946, Argus 630 of 7 September 1946 and the Commander-in-Chief's signal Argus 779 of 22 January 1947 to the Chancellor. These objections are still valid. Indeed they are stronger today than ever.

3. Any accommodation given up through the reduction of Displaced Persons' population is most urgently needed to alleviate the distress of the German population. Admittance to Germans (former residents of the Zone in many cases) is being refused on grounds of lack of accommodation.

4. To evict Germans from block accommodation in order to make room for some tens of thousands of aliens, many of whom are known to engage in criminal activities, cannot be contemplated, in view of the gross over-crowding, the grave food shortages and the low state of morale in the British Zone.

(Sgd) N. G. D. Brownjohn,
Major-General.

for Lieutenant-General,
Deputy Military Governor.

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Secretariat,
Allied Commission for Austria (BE),
Vienna, Austria.

No. 87.

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Political Division,
Allied Commission for Austria,
(British Element),
Vienna.

PCS/183/414/47

18th July, 1947.

Dear Department,

You will have seen our telegram No. 665 of July 18th in the last paragraph of which General Winterton has made it clear that Yugoslav nationals in Displaced Persons Camps in the British Zone of Austria are very rarely implicated in disturbances on the Austro-Yugoslav frontier.

2. We are most anxious to remove any misapprehension on this score which may still exist (see your telegram to Berlin (Military Governor) No. 1954) and to state categorically that disturbances and illegal activities in the frontier area are scarcely ever attributable, either directly or indirectly, to Yugoslav Displaced Persons in camps in the British Zone.

3. When Jellicoe was here earlier in the month he was briefed most carefully on this point.

Yours ever,

Political Division.

Refugee Department,
Foreign Office,
London, S.W.1.

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Copies to:- Chancery, H.M. Embassy, Belgrade. Political Division, Berlin. MA/DC Col. G.S.I. PW.& DP. Division,

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POLITICAL DIV. 18 JUL 1947 VIENNA

Mr Barratt
Important. Will require action by us.
O.S. Barratt 18/7

ALLIED COMMISSION FOR AUSTRIA
(British Element)

To: Chief of Staff
ACA (BE)

PW & DP Division
Ext. 186

Copies to:
M.A. to Deputy Commissioner.
Political Division.
Finance Division.
Economic Division.
Military Division.
Secretariat.

DP1/67/V

July 16th 1947.

See minute
PW 21/7. /13.

1. I wish to refer to this Division's letter DP1/67/V dated 9th January 1947, to which was attached a suggested draft letter to the Austrian Chancellor on the subject of the maintenance of displaced persons in the British Zone of Austria. It was finally decided by the Deputy Commissioner that no written approach should be made to the Austrian Government on this subject but that he himself would communicate our policy verbally at an opportune time, your letter COS/52 dated 18th January refers.

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2. I would also refer to Political Division letter POL/183/77/47 dated 18th February, forwarding copies of correspondence which had taken place between the Political Representative and Chancellor Figl on the same subject. The reply from Chancellor Figl is a little indefinite and inconclusive but it is noted that no further correspondence took place and it is, therefore, presumed that the Political Representative was satisfied that he had communicated H.M.G. policy on the subject and that no further action required to be taken.

3. In connection with the proposed agreement between the High Commissioner and I.R.O. on the subject of I.R.O's activities in the British Zone of Austria, the question of the responsibility of the Austrian Government for the maintenance of displaced persons in the British Zone has again been raised by Economic Division, who are apparently not satisfied that the Austrian authorities are fully alive to their responsibilities in this matter and have suggested that a further communication, on the lines of the draft attached to this Division's above quoted letter, dated 9th January 1947, should be addressed to the Austrian Government.

4. The relevant paragraph in the Agreement between the High Commissioner and I.R.O. reads as follows:-

> "Ensuring the provision of food, clothing, accommodation and other resources for displaced persons and refugees in accordance with the standards laid down by I.R.O. in so far as this may be practicable and within the resources made available by the Austrian Government."

This paragraph appears in Article V. which defines the responsibilities of ACA (BE). The Finance Division, Legal Division and this Division are of the opinion that the Austrian Government

have, in fact, realised their responsibilities in this matter although they have not officially acknowledged those responsibilities in writing. It is now for decision by the Deputy Commissioner whether or not a further communication should be addressed to the Austrian Government. If it is decided to address such further communication the signing of the Agreement between the High Commissioner and I.R.O. will undoubtedly be delayed and it is doubtful whether, in the end, the Austrian Government will be prepared to commit themselves any further than they have already done in Chancellor Figl's letter of 7th February 1947.

attached to folio 77

Colonel.
Director, PW & DP Division.

I wonder whether it is worth taking this up again in writing.

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INCOMING TELEGRAM

To: VIENNA.

COPY NO: 5

From: FOREIGN OFFICE.

No: 949.

183/42/47

Date & Time of Origin: 15.7.47.

Date & Time of Receipt: 16.11.GMT. 16.7.47.

May Barnett

K/OTP.

CONFIDENTIAL.

As from July 20th correspondence for Brigadier FITZROY MACLEAN will be included in bags to Vienna. Please arrange onward transmission to Klagenfurt by safe means.

Distribution:

1. Sir Henry Mack.
2. Mr. Cheetham.
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POLITICAL DIVISION
17 JUL 1947
VIENNA

INTELLIGENCE ORGANISATION
ALLIED COMMISSION FOR AUSTRIA (BE)
A.P.O.S.564, C.M.F.

16 Jul 47
JJS/MB

Ib/III/BF/3425.

SUBJECT: Movement of non-German D.Ps to GERMANY.

TO : P.W. & D.P. Division, ACA(BE)

Reference your DP1/67/N/1396 of 5th July 47.

We consider that the draft referred to gives a very fair picture of the position and do not wish to suggest any amendments.

J. J. Sprys Maj GS.
for Brigadier
G.S.I.

Copies to: Internal Affairs Division.
: Legal Division.
: Military Division.
: Political Division.
: Transport Division.

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TO: VIENNA. COPY NO: 11

FROM: FOREIGN OFFICE.

NO: 955.

DATE & TIME OF ORIGIN: 16.7.47.

DATE & TIME OF RECEIPT: 16.13.GMT. 16.7.47.

EN CLAIR

Following for LEES at Klagenfurt from Maclean.

I am leaving for Lousanne on 19th July to attend meeting of I.R.O. preparatory commission and will travel on to Klagenfurt next week. Attlee.

Distribution:

1. MA/C-in-C.
2. Sir Henry Mack.
3. Mr. Cheetham.
4. MA/DC.
5. MA/COS.
6. Chief Secretary.
7. Mr.Lees C/o War Crimes Group, S.E.E.,BTA.
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FROM: FOREIGN OFFICE

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IMPORTANT Our comments are being drafted.

SECRET

FOR WINTERTON PW 17/7 NC. 17/7

Copy on 230 plans

16/7.

Following is text of draft agreement between H.M.Government and Yugoslav Government as drawn up by Major General Maclean and Marshall Tito and amended by Legal Advisor.

Draft of Anglo Yugoslav Agreement on Refugees.

General provisions.

Article 1. H.M. Government and Yugoslav Government have agreed that their respective authorities in cooperation should make a joint and intensified effort to reach final settlement of whole question of Yugoslav displaced persons and collaborators on territory under British control

Attachment of a Yugoslav liaison Mission.

Article 2. To secure closest general Cooperation Yugoslav Government will attach a high ranking Mission to General Macleans Mission. In addition to its principle task of securing general cooperation this mission shall undertake various duties and enjoy various rights described below. All questions concerning application of this agreement shall be discussed between the two missions.

Exchange of Information.

18/7.

Article 3 a) General Macleans Mission shall supply Yugoslav liaison Mission with screening report of any Yugoslav national for whom Yugoslav liaison mission asks by name and whose identity can be satisfactorily established. Members of Yugoslav liaison Mission for their part shall give such assistance as General Maclean's Mission may require in interrogation of Yugoslav nationals who have been arrested by the British Authorities.

In the event of Yugoslavia requesting survey of this Article General Maclean is authorized to substitute the following: "members of Yugoslav Liaison Mission shall not participate in process of screening but may take part in interrogation of persons arrested by British Authorities on suspicion that they collaborated with the Axis powers during the war".

(b) H.M.Government will not oppose the adoption of proceedings corresponding to those provided for in Article 3a) above in camps under joint or international control in Italy.

Yugoslav Government for their part will furnish H.M. Government with all information which they may require in order to carry out the purpose of this agreement.

/Break-up of

Break-up of organisations hostile to United Nations interests and to repatriation.

Article 4 Yugoslav Government will as provided in para 3 b) above supply all information in their possession about any Yugoslav organisation hostile to United Nations interests and to repatriation establishment in the British Zones of Germany and Austria. On receipt of this information the British authorities wil take all practical steps in their power to dissolve any such organisations which are engaged in subversive activities directed against the Yugoslav Government.

While H.M.G. no longer have any responsibility for dissolution of such organisations in Italy outside Allied camps, they will support with the Italian Government any representat-ions to this end by the Yugoslav Government. If any similar organisations are shown to exist in camps in Italy for which H. M. Government have a joint responsibility, they will represent in proper quarter the importance of their dissolution.

Transfer of Yugoslav displaced persons in Austria.

Article 5 H.M.Government and the Yugoslav Government agree that all Yugoslav nationals in camps in the British zone of Austria shall be removed from the country as soon as practicable. In so far as is possible such Yugoslav nationals as are living in the British zone of Austria outside camps will also be removed.

Repatriation.

Article 6. H.M.Government will apply in camps under their control principle accepted by the Council of Foreign Ministers in Moscow that all propaganda set out against United Nations interests or against re-instatement will be forbidden in displaced persons camps. So far as is physically possible H.M. Government will segregate Yugoslav nationals who are shown to be engaged in anti-repatriation propaganda. It is agreed that segregation of such persons will in no way prejudice their subsequent disposal.

Article 7. H.M. Government agree in principle to accord access to Yugoslavs in camps under their control by Yugoslav repatriation officials or, in certain circumstances to be agreed, any other Yugoslav nationals sponsored by the Yugoslav Government. In view however of their overriding responsibility for personal security of visitors, British authorities must retain the right in all cases, after consultation with Yugoslav Liaison Mission, to make a final decision concerning any particular visit.

Article 8. H.M. Government agree in principle to facilitate provision to Yugoslavs in camps under their control of publicity material provided by the Yugoslav Government with the intention of encouraging repatriation. While the British authorities cannot waive their right to censorship of such material it is agreed that this as far as possible be conducted on a basis of mutual cooperation between the British authorities and the Yugoslav Liaison Mission.

Article 9. H.M. Government will sofar as practicable make available on an agreed scale technical facilities for repatriation such as transportation.

/Auxillary formations

Auxillary formations - Article 10. H.M.Government agree that all Yugoslav nationals shall be excluded from auxillary military formations and other formations such as for instance (group undec) civil watchmen's corps.

Collaborators.

Article 11. H.M.Government agree to take all possible steps to apprehend Yugoslav nationals whose surrender as collaborators with the Axis forces has been requested by the Yugoslav Government apart from those against whom H.M. Government has already decided that in their opinion no prima facie case of guilt has been established. The Yugoslav authorities will cooperate in this task through agency of their Liaison Mission.

Article 12.

(a) H.M. Government will surrender all Yugoslav nationals in their power against whom Yugoslav Government have established a prima facie case of actual collaboration with the Axis powers.

(b) Persons at present held in detention by British authorities as suspected collaborators and other such persons who may subsequently be arrested at the request of the Yugoslav authorities shall be released if H.M. Government are unable to agree that evidence (Gr. undec ? against) them is sufficient to (Gr. undec, ? justify) their surrender to Yugoslav authorities unless Yugoslav Government shall have provided further evidence against them within one month of their being requested to do so. Should H.M. Government on the receipt of such further evidence remain of the opinion that no prima facie evidence of guilt has been established, the person in question shall be released.

Article 13. The Yugoslav Government agree that they do not desire forcible surrender of any Yugoslav national other than those whose surrender has been specifically requested by name. While Yugoslav Government retain the right to make certain additional requests for surrender by name as further information becomes available to them they agree that no such further requests shall be made after a period of 15 days following the signature of this agreement. While additional information in support of requests already made should be provided through channel of Yugoslav Liaison Mission direct to General McLean's Mission additional requests for surrender should be submitted through channel of Yugoslav Ambassador in London.

Limitation of movement.

Article 14. H.M. Government and Yugoslav Government regard it as particularly important that all possible steps should be taken to prevent any movement of Yugoslav nationals which might hinder the fulfilment of this agreement.

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As the result of his recent visit to Belgrade Major General Maclean has brought back draft heads of agreement covering a number of disputed questions about the treatment of Yugoslav nationals in territories under British control. Following are two matters of special interest to you.

(i) In view of repeated disturbances on Carinthian frontier, Yugoslav Government is most anxious that Yugoslavs in displaced persons camps in Austria should be removed from that country, together with Yugoslavs in the area outside the camps. These number about 6,000 and 14,000 respectively, though it is unlikely that of the second category more than 9,000 would actually fall to be removed. The only possible immediate destination for these people appears to be the British zone of Germany. They have not yet been screened for I.R.O. eligibility but they are believed to be a normal cross-section of Yugoslav displaced persons so that probably 80% will qualify for I.R.O., who would assume responsibility for them. This means that perhaps three or four thousand would remain as a German responsibility. There is no reason why they should not be employed on suitable work in Germany. There would be advantage in making this move in order to break down tension which now exists in Carinthia and Northern Yugoslavia and to remove one of the principal causes of Yugoslav agitation for a rectification of the Carinthian frontier.

See 415 in which Br. authorities in Germany refuse to accept DPs from Austria.

(ii) Yugoslav Government made a violent attack on so-called politico-military Yugoslav organisations alleged to be maintained in Austria and Germany. In particular, they were strongly hostile to Yugoslav participation in the Civilian Mixed Watchmen's Corps and wish us to put an end to it.

In spite of its name and terms of service there are reports that this corps still maintains military characteristics, that its members often bear arms, when not authorised to do so, wear badges and insignia of military rank, and are drilled. There have also been two recent incidents where members of this corps acted in a hostile

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manner towards Yugoslav liaison officers. It is also reported that employment in this corps may act as a deterrent to repatriation or resettlement in spite of the month's notice on either side in the terms of service. In view of these considerations it is suggested that Yugoslavs might be better employed in other forms of work particularly forestry and timber-felling. Even if Yugoslav criticisms are exaggerated, there is no doubt that to meet them on this point would remove one of their principal grievances and help to obtain a general agreement with them on displaced persons questions involving important concessions on their side. We would therefore like you to consider whether Yugoslavs at present employed in Mixed Watchmen's Corps could be dischared in the near future and employed in other work. There would be no further recruitment of Yugoslavs for this corps.

2. We are very anxious to try to reach some agreement with the Yugoslavs as soon as possible over the whole of this field, and your comments on these two points are urgently requested. In particular we would welcome your estimate of the possible results in the fields of manpower and labour requirements and of general security of the second proposal in the preceding paragraph.

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INTELLIGENCE ORGANISATION
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Mr Hair

This information appears to have no direct connection with any previous correspondence

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15 Jul 47
JMS/ME

Subject: Refugee Camp at GÜSSING

To: Political Division ACA(BE)
PW & DP Division ACA(BE)

The following information on the camp at GÜSSING in the BURGENLAND has been obtained from recent refugees from Hungary. The reliability of this information is uncertain, since it was obtained from refugees who themselves avoided the camp, but heard details of it from inhabitants.

1. On arrival at the camp all refugees are registered by the Arbeitsamt who are responsible for feeding and housing them. They are then sorted into roughly two batches, agricultural workers (primarily the women and older men) who are sent to the BADEN-VIENNA area, and the younger able bodied men who are sent to the ZISTERDORF oil fields. ?

2. Volksdeutsche who have once registered in the camp are not normally allowed to proceed to other zones. In some cases this may be allowed, but application has first to be made through the Austrian Red Cross.

3. Onward transport to VIENNA and other places is stated to be arranged either by the local Arbeitsamt or directly from VIENNA. UNRRA vehicles are used mainly, but on one occasion Red army trucks were used.

4. On 2 July 47 there were 400 people in the camp.

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for Brigadier
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NO. 181. UNCLASSIFIED. FROM: DIRECTOR, INTERNAL AFFAIRS DIVISION.

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1. REFERENCE YOUR SIGNAL NO. 517 BASIC OF 11 JULY 1947. THIS QUESTION DOES NOT ALLOW OF A CLEAR CUT ANSWER FOR AUSTRIA WHERE THE POSITION IS FUNDAMENTALLY DIFFERENT FROM GERMANY.

2. HERE THERE IS A RECOGNISED GOVERNMENT WITH THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR CARRYING OUT DENAZIFICATION IN ACCORDANCE WITH LAWS PASSED BY THE AUSTRIAN PARLIAMENT.

3. PERSONS IN AUSTRIA REGISTER IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE TERMS OF THE NATIONAL SOCIALIST LAW 1947 WHICH WAS PUBLISHED ON THE 17TH FEBRUARY. THIS LAW AMENDED PREVIOUS LEGISLATION REVISING INTER-ALIA THE CLASSES OF PERSONS WHO ARE REQUIRED TO REGISTER. THE NEW REGISTRATION UNDER THE LAW IS NOT YET COMPLETED BUT THE NUMBER OF PERSONS WHO ARE LIABLE FOR REGISTRATION IS ABOUT 550,000.

4. THE AMENDING LEGISLATION HAS AIMED AT SEPARATING THE SHEEP FROM THE GOATS BY DIVIDING REGISTERED PERSONS INTO TWO CLASSES VIZ. IMPLICATED AND LESS IMPLICATED PERSONS. SANCTIONS ARE APPLIED BY THE LAW TO BOTH CLASSES. THESE PROVIDE FOR DISENFRANCHISEMENT (IN THE CASE OF IMPLICATED PERSONS ONLY AND ONLY UNTIL 30.4.1950) FINANCIAL PENALTIES ON A SLIDING SCALE AND RESTRICTIONS ON EMPLOYMENT IN VARIOUS PROFESSIONS AND TRADES. IN THE CASE OF LESS IMPLICATED PERSONS SANCTIONS ARE OF A LIGHTER NATURE AND SUCH AS THERE ARE APPLY IN MOST CASES ONLY FOR A LIMITED PERIOD.

5. AUSTRIAN COMMISSIONS DEAL WITH APPEALS AGAINST THE PENALTIES IMPOSED BY THE LAW. THESE COMMISSIONS ARE STILL IN COURSE OF BEING SET UP. FIGURES OF RESULTS ARE THEREFORE NOT AVAILABLE AT THIS STAGE.

6. TO THE BEST OF OUR KNOWLEDGE, THE AUSTRIAN AUTHORITIES HAVE NO SCHEME IN MIND TO PROVIDE ANY REGISTERED PERSONS WITH EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES TO APPRECIATE DEMOCRATIC PRINCIPLES AND PRACTICES.

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ALLIED COMMISSION FOR AUSTRIA
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MACLEAN MISSION - Note on Meeting in London on 10 July 1947

1. Attached is a copy of the note on a meeting held at the Foreign Office on 10 July 1947 for your information.

2. The Deputy Commissioner proposes to hold a conference not before Wednesday 16th July to discuss the contents with you and of the draft agreement with the Jugoslav Government referred to in it. This draft agreement has not yet been received but will be circulated as soon as possible.

Brigadier
Acting Chief of Staff

14 July 1947

Copy to: MA/DC.
Chief of Staff BPA

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Note of Meeting on Displaced Persons in Austria and the Role of the Maclean Mission, held at the Foreign Office on 10th July, 1947

Present:-

Sir Gilmour Jenkins
Sir Oliver Harvey
Mr. Gladwyn Jebb
Major General FitzRoy Maclean
Mr. P.H. Dean
Mr. Boothby
Mr. Freeman
Mr. Porter (Maclean Mission).

In 'Austria' presumably read 'British Zone of Austria' throughout.

GENERAL MACLEAN said that when he visited Austria General Winterton told him that there was no work for his mission to do; the move into Austria had been begun owing to the changing conditions in Italy. The screening for "blacks" was being done satisfactorily in Austria by the Military; screening for I.R.O. purposes should be done by I.R.O.

GENERAL MACLEAN and our authorities in Austria agreed that no D.Ps could safely be left in Austria after the withdrawal of British forces. General Maclean himself would not take the responsibility of saying that a clean record would protect anybody. In his view it would be best to remove all Yugoslavs from Austria. Tito was in agreement with this. If pressure were exerted on Austria to surrender D.Ps and I.R.O. or ourselves had to intervene there would be a crisis which it would be wise to avoid.

There were some 20,000 Yugoslavs in Austria of whom 6,000 were in camps and a further 9,000 could easily be found. This would be good labour material for Germany, and three quarters of them would certainly be "white" and therefore an I.R.O. responsibility. They should be removed from Austria before screening.

SIR GILMOUR JENKINS pointed out that although the British authorities in Austria agreed that Yugoslavs should be removed their opposite numbers in Germany objected strongly to being made a dumping ground. They would prefer to have the Yugoslavs screened in Austria and to take the "greys", the "whites" should be resettled direct from Austria. Yugoslavs were already being taken for "Westward Ho".

MR. DEAN said that the French Government had complained of shortage of labour; it might be possible to press them to recruit Yugoslavs.

GENERAL MACLEAN said that any Yugoslavs left in Austria would continue to intrigue and cause tension on the frontier. Moreover under his draft agreement Yugoslavia would have a mission accompanying the Maclean mission. He would not like to have them in Carinthia since they would almost certainly indulge in clandestine activities.

But it would be a big business to screen the 20,000 not in camps.

MR. JEBB said that if it were impossible to remove Yugoslavs it would be best to screen them quickly wherever possible. It should not take long to screen the 6,000 in camps.

SIR GILMOUR JENKINS/..

SIR GILMOUR JENKINS said that the chances of moving even the 6,000 Yugoslavs who are in camps to Germany and of keeping them under control there, was very slight. We could not give the undertaking contemplated in the draft agreement, to remove Yugoslav D.Ps from Austria, unless we could see some place for them to go.

GENERAL MACLEAN pointed out that the draft agreement provided also for propaganda in favour of repatriation to be given to the D.Ps before they left our control. The process of screening would take some two or three months during which time the propaganda could also go on. Once the Yugoslav Government had had the opportunity of giving propaganda to the DPs and the latter had been screened we had no further obligation. The D.Ps could then be disbanded and resettled. The Yugoslav Government were already complaining that 500 D.Ps had been taken for "Westward Ho" before any opportunity for repatriation propaganda had been allowed.

SIR GILMOUR JENKINS said that our problem was to get the DPs out of Austria and Germany and this must not be held up. As soon as the Yugoslav Government sent propagandists these would be given every facility.

They have had a repatriation Mission in Belgium for months.

GENERAL MACLEAN said that it would be dangerous to allow propagandists into Austria.

SIR GILMOUR JENKINS said that the number of such propagandists must be strictly limited. If they came to Germany this limitation would be very strict owing to administrative difficulties. If the Yugoslav Government wished to conduct propaganda they must accept our conditions which must be put into writing at once and a draft sent to Austria for comment.

MR. DEAN said that a time limit should also be put on propaganda. The Yugoslav Government should have their innings and then stop.

GENERAL MACLEAN said that he proposed to set up a camp where the Yugoslav Government could instal an exhibition with the necessary propagandists. The DPs would pass through this in batches after screening. Those who decided against repatriation must be sent away at once in order to avoid trouble on the frontier, since we were not entitled to keep them shut up. He would go back to Yugoslavia and ask that Government how many propagandists they wished to send, having in mind a suitable limit, and would explain the other conditions.

SIR GILMOUR JENKINS agreed. As soon as the views of the authorities in Germany had been obtained on the possibility of moving all or some Yugoslavs to Germany the Ministry of Labour and the French Government should be approached with a view to hastening the absorption of Yugoslav DPs.

Administrative Arrangements

SIR GILMOUR JENKINS stated, and General Maclean agreed, that the Maclean Mission should be under the command of the Commander-in-Chief in Austria for all its work in Austria and should report through the Commander-in-Chief. The Commander-in-Chief would forward any communications from General Maclean to the Foreign Office; he would have the right to see these and make any comment on them. In other matters

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would communicate with the Foreign Office through the appropriate channels; the Commander-in-Chief would transmit to the Foreign Office any communications which General Maclean wished to make on such matters. The Maclean Mission would continue to be administered by the War Office, but any necessary financial adjustments would be made between War Office and Foreign Office.

Conclusions of the Meeting.

1. Yugoslav DPs will be screened in Austria as soon as possible.

2. Yugoslav Government will have an opportunity, limited in time and scope, of persuading the DPs to return home.

3. Foreign Office will encourage the Ministry of Labour and the French Government to absorb Yugoslav DPs and further resettlement in every other way possible.

4. The British Authorities in Germany will be asked how many Yugoslavs they can take as a temporary measure.

5. General Maclean will continue his negotiations with the Yugoslav Government to persuade them to accept the above conditions.

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15 JUL 1947
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FROM : ACABRIT DATE : 14 July 47

TO : FOREIGN OFFICE (GERMAN SECTION) TOO : 1700B

PWDP/361/V. UNCLASSIFIED.

Reference your No. 507 basic dated 11 July 47.

FIRST Your para 4(3). It is considered that estimate of children under nationalities quote Poles unquote and quote others unquote too high. Suggest following figures. Poles Male 6350 Females 1350 Children 2000. Others Male 25500 Females 12200 Children 8300.

SECOND Your paragraph 6. Correct to read as follows quote Jugoslav gives total 21457 comprising 14057 men and 7400 repeat 7400 women unquote.

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for Colonel,
Director, PW & DP Division

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ALLIED COMMISSION FOR AUSTRIA
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To : Deputy Director,
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Ext: 671

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15 July 47

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Subject : Foreign Office - Fortnightly Reports.

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Herewith second copy of Mr. Ivimy's fortnightly letter, passed to you for information and retention.

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for Colonel
Director, PW & DP Division

COPY

FOREIGN OFFICE,
NORFOLK HOUSE,
ST. JAMES SQUARE,
LONDON, S.W.1.

30th June, 1947.

Dear Logan Gray,

In my letter (COLL.117 (G.3(a)) of the 30th April I proposed to send you every fortnight a D.O. letter covering the main events of interest in the PW/DP world as we see them over here. Although you wrote expressing approval of the idea I am afraid my visit to Lausanne last month, followed by almost continuous high pressure negotiations over the I.R.O. Agreements, have prevented me from following up the proposal. However, here, in the following paragraphs, I shall give a brief resume of the matters now under consideration, and will try and follow it up with further letters at appropriate intervals.

1. New Organisation in the Foreign Office.

This Branch is now called the German Refugee Department, and comes under Sir Oliver Harvey, who has taken over all the Sections of the old General Department of the Control Office, which used to be under Wilberforce, and added them to the German Political Department of the Foreign Office proper, which is under Mr. Pat Dean. Our responsibilities vis-a-vis the Refugee Department are the same as before, but we work in slightly closer contact, inasmuch as we now minute the files to one another instead of writing letters.

2. International Refugee Organisation.

After prolonged negotiations, involving a multitude of small points, the Agreement with Germany was signed on the 28th June by Altemeyer with the Commander-in-Chief, and we hope the Austrian Agreement will shortly be signed too.

The moral to be drawn from these negotiations seems to me that you cannot negotiate an Agreement of this nature at long range. If we had been able to spend a few days longer at Lausanne and could have had a financial expert with us the whole thing could have been completed there a month sooner.

It may be observed that the I.R.O. are doing very well financially out of our Agreement. They are getting for 20 cents what they had expected would cost them 45 cents. I took the opportunity of remarking to Aickin when the figure was disclosed to him that we expected that any money they might save on care and maintenance in the British Zone would not be spent on supervision or on providing extras for the D.Ps but would go on resettlement or other measures designed to make a permanent end of the problem.

We are naturally looking to the I.R.O. to take the initiative in questions of repatriation and resettlement, and we are doing all we can to impress on them the importance of concentrating on these aspects of the D.P. problem. The I.G.C. had been very successful in their resettlement projects as far as they went, but they had not really started to tackle the problem in a big way. They were waiting, quite properly, until the repatriation movement had definitely died out. De Rosen seems likely to be put in charge of repatriation and resettlement in the I.R.O., and I think we can hope that the problem will be tackled with plenty of energy.

So far as Austria is concerned, no one has yet thought of a scheme which would cause the D.Ps there to disappear.

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Apart from pressing for a satisfactory provision in Article XVI of the Peace Treaty, and getting on with such measures of resettlement as offer themselves, there is little we can do. The I.R.O. will, of course, assume responsibility after the evacuation of Austria by the occupying forces of all the people eligible under their constitution.

3. Resettlement.

The following Agreements have been signed by I.G.C.R. with the Governments of the countries shown below:-

Brazil	-	1,000 families. Total number of individuals not to exceed 5,000.
Colombia	-	No numbers specified.
Chile	-	Estimated that during 1947 up to 2,000 specialised individuals and technicians can be absorbed, and in addition the members of their families.
Venezuela	-	No numbers specified.
Peru	-	About 5,000 persons including families, but recruiting to be confined to Italy at present.
Ecuador	-	No numbers specified.

The Agreement between H.M.G. and the Belgian Government has been ratified, as also has that with the French Government. The latter extends to Austria, and provides for reciprocal recruiting facilities by both countries.

4. Recalcitrant Poles.

We have notified the War Office that we are not happy about their proposal to send about 8,000 Polish Recalcitrants from the United Kingdom to Germany for employment in C.M.L.O. Our main line of resistance has been that we are likely to find ourselves embarrassed on the score that every time we accept non-Germans into our Zone our case for resisting the entry of more refugees is further weakened. The War Office have referred the whole question back to B.A.O.R., and there the matter rests at present.

5. Jewish Affairs.

The Chancellor has interviewed Colonel Solomon and discussed with him various Jewish questions connected with the British Zone, the main point of discussion being the allocation of certificates for Palestine. Professor Brodetski, Chairman of the Board of Deputies of British Jews, who was to have been present at these discussions, was unable to attend.

The Chancellor has received an official invitation from Mr. Rosensaft to attend in person the second Jewish Congress at Höhne Camp from 20th to 22nd July. Colonel Solomon received a similar invitation. He has advised the Chancellor not to accept. He himself has no intention of doing so.

The Chancellor interviewed Mr. S. Silverman, M.P., recently and the following points were discussed:-

/(i) ...

(1) The establishment of a Central Committee for Jews in the Zone. Mr. Silverman stated that the question of establishing such a committee had arisen first in 1945; he considered that it should now receive official recognition, as Rosensaft, who was only the official spokesman for Höhne Camp, found himself continually in the position of spokesman for Jewish communities outside this Camp. He considered that the C.C.G. Authorities were faced with the fact that Rosensaft and his Höhne Committee were acting in the capacity of a central committee, and that this fact should be officially recognised.

The Chancellor promised to investigate this matter.

(2) Cottage Industries at Höhne Camp. Mr. Silverman mentioned that the J.C.R.A. had applied for permission to obtain material for the commencement of a small furniture-making industry at Höhne Camp. He was informed that this scheme was being investigated.

Mr. Ivimy interviewed Mr. Rosensaft whilst the latter was in London to discuss various Jewish matters. Colonel Solomon was also present. The following points were discussed.

(1) Rosensaft again raised the question of the establishment of the Central Committee for Jews in the British Zone (the same line of argument as Mr. Silverman adopted in his interview with the Chancellor). He was informed that this question could not be considered at present.

(2) The question, however, of establishing a Committee representing all Jewish D.Ps with Rosensaft as its Head, is now being investigated. The question of permitting representatives of German Jews to join this Committee will not be considered.

(3) Rosensaft commented on the low morale of the Jewish DPs in Höhne Camp, whose one hope appeared to be that they would one day receive certificates for Palestine. If anything could be done to encourage this hope he would be grateful.

(4) Mr. Ivimy emphasised that there were many matters concerning Jewish DPs which had been, or were being, dealt with in London, and which were purely local affairs. He felt that the best way of dealing with them was, to settle them in the Zone and not refer them to London. This it is hoped will be done in future, now that the Höhne Committee has got official recognition. Rosensaft entirely agreed with this principle but seemed a bit dubious that it is capable of being applied. He evidently does not believe that the recognition of his committee is going to produce a more co-operative frame of mind on the part of the Control Commission.

We have just heard that Colonel Solomon has resigned, mainly on account of his objections to the present allocation of immigration certificates to Palestine. A meeting held with the Secretary of State, at which the Colonial Secretary was present, failed to get any more certificates for the British Zone at the expense of the Cyprus Jews. Colonel Solomon does not consider there are sufficient reasons which he could explain at Höhne for the continued favouring of the illegal immigrants at the expense of those who are waiting their turn in a queue.

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6. Maclean's Screening Mission.

Refugee Department is most anxious that Maclean's Mission should operate, even if only for a short time, in the British Zone of Austria. Following up on his short interview with General Winterton recently, Maclean, it is understood, will shortly be returning to Vienna to raise the whole question again. Sir Gilmour Jenkins is leaving London for Vienna on the 2nd July and will take part in these discussions.

7. Organisation of German Refugee Department.

A slight reorganisation has taken place, resulting in our handing over responsibility for dealing with Distressed Relatives and Fiancees (formerly carried out by Miss Appleby), and Repatriation of Germans (carried out by Miss Bracey) to the German General Department (Mr. Marsden-Smedley). The latter now deals with all travel questions into and out of Germany, as well as the belated questions in connection with Exit and Entry Permits, while we deal with policy in regard to DPs and Refugees and large scale movements and organised schemes.

Yours sincerely,

(Sgd.) J. W. L. IVIMY

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TO: P.W. and D.P. DIVISION

FROM: POLITICAL DIVISION

DATE: 14th July, 1947.

REF: POL/183/402/47

SUBJECT: Removal of non-German Data from British Zone of Austria before conclusion of Treaty with Austria

Reference your letter No. DP/67/V dated July 5th, 1947 enclosing the draft of a proposed reply to the Foreign Office. We are in agreement with the draft and have no comments to make.

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Director.

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FROM FOREIGN OFFICE (GERMAN SECTION)

DATE 11.7.47.

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WESTWARD HO.

Sounds like frivolous inefficiency on the part of the Mg. of Labour.

1. Owing to accommodation and placing difficulties in Great Britain recruitment for Westward Ho, with the exception of single unattached women, is to cease until further notice.

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2. Every effort will be made to clear Seedorf Camp by the end of the month.

3. The whole Scheme is under urgent review, and we will let you have earliest intimation of future policy.

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